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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Michael J. Dietz, II

Application No.: 09/003,003

Filed: January 5, 1998

For: ELECTRONIC SECOND SPIN
SLOT MACHINE

Examiner: White, Carmen D

Art Unit: 3713

**AMENDMENT AND
INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 10, 2001, for which a petition is submitted to extend time for three months from July 10, 2001 to October 10, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 18 and 20 so that the pending claims now read as follows:

- C 1 S 5 D 21*
1. (Thrice Amended) A method of operating an electronic gaming apparatus having a plurality of symbols arrayed in separate boxes of multiple symbol columns and rows on its monitor comprising the steps of: